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AMENDMENT A

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, to read as follows:

In recent years, due to the spread of the digital broadcasting network and the communication network (including a computer network) which includes digital satellite broadcasting and CATV, etc., a so-called information delivery system is proposed to provide various information, that is, multimedia information to many and unspecified homes (hereafter, called a user). Here, multimedia information means digital information on the video, the static image, and the voice, etc. In this digital information, information, which especially includes a video, a voice, a static image, and character information, etc., and requires a real time characteristic, is called stream data. This stream data is handled in distinction from digital information composed only of a static image and character information.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, to read as follows:

To achieve such an information delivery system, a local area server which is called a set-top box (STB) and/or an IRD (Integrated Receiver Decoder) is proposed. The personal computer

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